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1. Israel reportedly considering pacts with Arabs--US Am-
bassador McDonald in Tel Aviv has been told by "a re-
liable private American" that Israeli President Weizmann
is calling a conference of top Israeli officials to urge that
Israel offer "qualified non-aggression pacts" to the Arab
states. The Department of State has informed McDonald
that it would be pleased to see the Arab states and Israel
enter freely into non-aggression pacts, but that the Depart-
ment cannot give the matter full consideration without
clarification of such details as what is meant by the word
"qualified" and whether Weizmann envisages the pacts as
forming part of an over-all peace settlement. The Department
expresses the opinion that the Arab states would hardly be
inclined to take favorable action on such a proposal unless it
were connected with an over-all settlement.

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